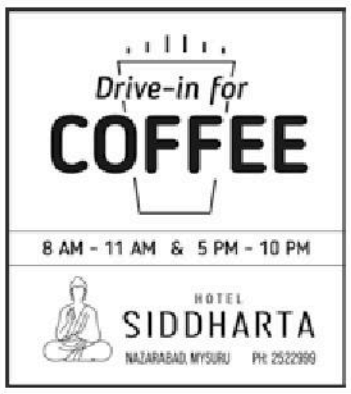

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Echo of Nirav Modi's Punjab National Bank Scam

Mysuru jeweller too was cheated of Rs. 1 cr.

Case pending in City Court

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- The Rs. 11,300 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud has a Mysuru connection. A case is pending in a Mysuru Court where the Managing Director of Gitanjali Jewels Mehul Choksi, the business partner of PNB scam mastermind Nirav Modi, has been accused of cheating a city jeweller here.

Amit Kumar Madanlal, a jeweller in city was among several franchise owners of Gitanjali Jewels who was invited to invest in their firm in 2010.

Assuming that the Gitanjali brand name would help in the business, businessmen across the country invested anywhere between Rs. 5 crore and Rs. 25 crore each. As per the contract, they were assured monthly payments over their deposits and also supply of gold and diamonds.

Sources said that executives from Gitanjali Jewels convinced the franchisee owners that they would hold jewellery exhibitions, attracting customers and investors.

Mehul Choksi *Nirav Modi*

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Amit Kumar Madanlal, one of the Directors of Kalash D Gold Jewels said that they had entered into an agreement with Gitanjali Jewels in 2010 to set up a franchisee in Mysuru. "It was a three-year contract and Rs. 5 crore was kept as a deposit with Gitanjali Jewels and the franchisee was set up. Upon the completion of the three-year contract period and as part of the settlement, Rs. 4 crore was paid to us and Gitanjali issued a cheque for the remaining money," he said.

"In 2013, when I asked for my remaining money, a cheque (ICICI Bank) for Rs. 1 crore was issued to me. But when I went to encash it, the cheque bounced. My calls to the company went unanswered. Eventually, I filed a cheque bounce case (CC/0001528/2015," he said.

This case now is in Mysuru before the Fourth Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court where Choksi has been accused of dishonouring a cheque for Rs. 1 crore.

Originally, the case was filed in Mumbai against Gitanjali Jewels and its MD Mehul Choksi. As per the Supreme Court judgement, a cheque bounce case had to be filed at the place where the cheque had bounced, the case was transferred to Mysuru, he added.

"Cognisance was taken by Mumbai Court long ago. But after the case was transferred to Mysuru Court, Mehul Choksi never appeared here but got bail. Later Choksi filed a revision petition against cognisance of the offence and the Mysuru Court allowed his petition. The Court has now set aside the cognisance taken against Gitanjali Jewels. Now we are waiting for a certified copy to approach the High Court. I have full confidence in judiciary and I hopefully will get my money or some form of justice with Choski being punished" Amit Kumar said.

Thieves make away with Kalikamba Temple Hundi

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&BCT)- Thieves broke into a temple late last night and took away a Hundi where the cash offerings of the devotees were kept. The theft took place at the Kalikamba (Kalamma) temple on the Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway.

According to the temple authorities, thieves used gas cutters to open the front railings of the temple and entered the main courtyard where a big Hundi was kept. The thieves used the gas cutter here too to lift the Hundi.

Temple priest who came to perform daily puja rituals this morning saw the theft and immediately alerted the Temple Management Trust. The Hundi is made of steel and it has not been opened since three years, said temple authorities. They added that the thieves did not enter the sanctum sanctorum where another Hundi was kept.

The estimate of the amount that has been stolen is not available. While the temple authorities say that lakhs of rupees were stolen, the Police suspected the amount to be in thousands.

A complaint in this regard has been filed at the Mysore South Police Station. Inspector Karim Ravathar and Sub-Inspector Jayaprakash visited the temple and have registered a case.

Ruckus in Assembly over CM's statement

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- Tempers ran high at the Assembly this morning where Congress and BJP MLAs and Minsters exchanged war of words over Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's comments on the Central government claiming that it was a "90 per cent commission government".

"The previous BJP government in Karnataka was the most corrupt ... And the present dispensation at the Centre is a 90 per cent commission government," he had alleged.

As soon as the Assembly convened, BJP members raised slogans against the Congress government and said that the government has beaten all records when it came to corruption. BJP MLAs accused Siddharamaiah of covering his government's corrupt dealings by blaming the Union Government. MLAs trooped into the Well of the House and threw papers to express their anguish.

To Our Readers

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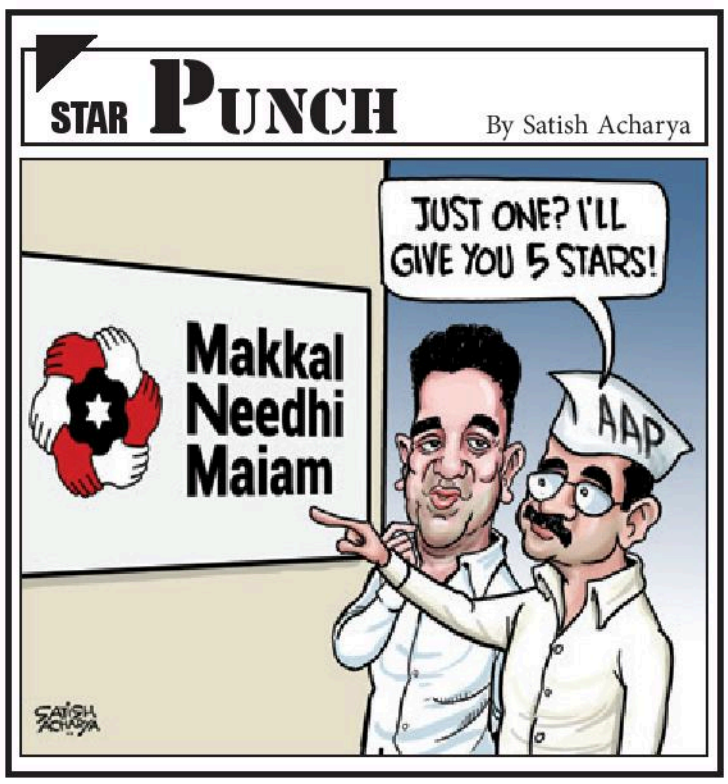

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People *against* people

The pages of the land's history, spanning several centuries, portrays people of past generations with the scripts dictated by the extent to which the chroniclers not only got the opportunities to observe the goings on but also their perceptions and even inferences. Knowledge of the land's highly rated richness, both material and otherwise, wafting beyond its shores drew not only scholars from far off lands on a learning mission but also conquerors with their eyes on the land's wealth. We owe to the former flock the land's historical records, however close or adrift the script passes as reality. In spite of the life's vicissitudes that people of successive generations are known to have experienced in the past, their profile has not witnessed changes to any worrisome point, perhaps until India gained freedom from alien rule and adopted democratic ways of self-rule. The country's brief history of six-plus decades since then triggers varied thoughts about the way its masses are conducting themselves.

The legacy that the present generation in the country has inherited including the words of wisdom attributed to the luminaries of the past and everything relating to the life of people at large is commonly praised in glorious terms by public speakers of all hues from various platforms, but the question of safeguarding whatever is left of that legacy looms large in one's mind, provided one is sincerely concerned about the country's future.

Having raised the question of threats to a stable democracy, some *introspection* about the imperatives of the nation's people to be proactive *citizens*, instead of succumbing to the viles and guiles of the vote-seekers, as passive victims, may help in preparing the people to address those threats. While the country's administration by the colonialists has been criticised by political observers for its *divide and rule* strategy, the current dispensation under democracy and self-rule is marked by only more of that strategy, drumming up diversities of language and faith of the land's people, serving as opium to its gullible sections.

The nation's urban spaces have ceased to be hosts of residents leading life from turmoil resulting from protest rallies, road-shows by political parties and unabated criminal acts in nature and numbers beyond the preparedness of the law-keeping machinery of the government. Democracy has thus acquired the new definition of the rule of *people against people*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A GIFT FOR THE PM: ***Prime Minister Narendra Modi is known to gift foreign dignitaries, particularly heads of State and Government he meets, a copy of the*** *Bhagavad Gita*. ***Modi had gifted a copy to former US President Barack Obama on his first visit to that country after becoming Prime Minister. On his visit to Tokyo, the PM had gifted a copy to Japanese PM Shinzo Abe and Emperor Akihito. On Saturday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and the Indian PM met for talks. Rouhani gifted Modi an animated version of*** *Kalila wa-Dimna*, ***a Persian translation of the*** *Panchatantra*, ***and a copy of the*** *Mahabharata* ***in Persian to the PM. The official Twitter handle of the Bharatiya Janata Party tweeted the photograph of the moment Rouhani offered his gift to the PM.***

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman divorces stingy husband !

Cairo: A 30-year-old woman in Egypt recently filed for divorce from her 32-year-old husband after only 40 days of marriage on grounds that he is so stingy that he refused to buy her a shawarma sandwich on their first and only outing as a married couple.

The young woman Sameeha, married Ahmed, a teacher, after only knowing him for two months. Sameeha told the judge that despite having a good job, Ahmed adopted an extremely frugal lifestyle. When he left for work, he always checked how much bread was left. The young woman told her family about Ahmed's stinginess but they advised her to be patient. One day Sameeha begged him to take her out for a drink and he reluctantly agreed. But when she asked for a shawarma sandwich, he flat out refused saying that they had only gone out for a drink, not food. Sameeha couldn't take it anymore, so she returned to her parents and filed for divorce.

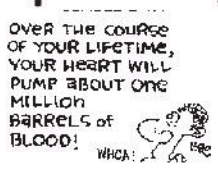
Misfortune and the sinking boat!

Florida: A young couple who quit their jobs and sold everything they owned in order to buy a boat and go on an epic sailing adventure had to put their bold dream on hiatus after their sail-boat sank just two days into their voyage.

Tanner Broadwell and Nikki Walsh sick over their boring lifestyle wanted do once-in-a-lifetime adventure by sailing around the Gulf of Mexico. The couple quit their jobs, sold everything and bought a sailboat named Lagniappe (Creole for 'bonus'), in Alabama. The boat cost $5,000. On Feb. 6, they started sailing, but something struck to their boat and almost threw Nikki off the deck. Tanner quickly realised that whatever they hit had ripped the keel off the bottom of the Lagniappe, about an hour later, the Lagniappe had sunk about 9 feet and was about to roll over. All they could do was instruct the Broadwell and Walsh to abandon ship and transport them to shore as their boat went under. However, Tanner and Nikki are glad to be alive and claim that although their sailboat may have sunk, their dreams are very much alive.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much blood does my heart pump in a single day?



More than you think. Your heart pumps about 2,000 gallons (7.571 litres) of blood in a single day. To accomplish this amazing feat, your heart beats about 1,00,000 times every day.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Panache to exhibit the 'Best of Spring Fashion'

The spring-summer 2018 fashion trends are nothing if not bright, bold and beautiful. Spring begins with fresh and fabulous styles at *Panache*. Here's a chance for Mysureans to catch up on the latest trends for the year only with *Panache* on the 24th and 25th of February, from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm at *Hotel Southern Star* on Vinoba Road.

Bringing together the concept of luxury fashion and beauty under one roof will make the event the season's most unique shopping experience, says the Organisers Nishat Mohsin and Misba Umrean.

New exhibitors this season include: Ekta from Madhuvan Ahmedabad — her clothing is designed for the independent and confident woman who loves being the centre of attention and expects her clothes to do the same. Each piece is tailored for comfort, elegance and style.

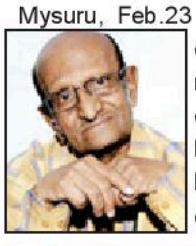
Plush & Creative Hub from Delhi brings Indo-western and western womenswear which includes, tops, dresses and gowns.

Madras Maharani from Chennai will bring some premium and niche designer collection of Sarees & Blouses. Collections from Vedantham are hand-weaved and hand-crafted.

Reena from Indore — her creations are unique, out of the box and they bring out the rich. Sony art from Mumbai has a vast and intricate collection of trendy jewellery. Accessorising is fun and also an important part of dressing up. Get ready to stock your wardrobe with the latest collections from Monica & Kalki Fashions from Mumbai & Viday from Chennai.

Add style to your home with bedding, tablecloths, rugs, and home accessories by your all time favourite The Village Shop from Kerala.

City Horologist on DD Chandana



Mysuru, Feb.23 - DD Chandana Channel will telecast City Horologist **M.S. Chandrasekar Iyer's** talk on *'Time (Kala)'* in its *Margadarshana* programme from Feb.24 to 27 at 6.30 am daily. The first talk was telecast today. Iyer constantly tries to keep up with new technology and his passion is watches.

Really...?

•The Viking sword was found by Einar Åmbakk, a reindeer hunter, on top of a remote mountain in southern Norway at 1,640 meters (5,381 feet) above sea level. The sword dates back to circa 840-950 CE.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Suggestion to construct Subway on Valmiki Road in front of new Maharani's College

Sir,

We are happy to learn that a new feather has been added to Mysuru city with the inauguration of new Maharani's Commerce and Management College in Paduvarahalli behind CFTRI Campus, by the Chief Minister recently.

As we have been noticing the Valmiki Road, between the new Maharani's College and the CFTRI Campus, is already flooded with vehicular traffic and it is risky to cross the road by students and other public. It is expected that nearly 5,000 students will be studying in this new College. One can imagine how risky it will be to cross the road by students and citizens.

For smooth and safe crossing of the road, it is suggested to the authorities concerned to construct a subway on Valmiki road between new Maharani's College and CFTRI Campus. Hope necessary action will be taken at the earliest.

—Dr. M. Mahadeviah,
Senior Scientist (Retd), CFTRI
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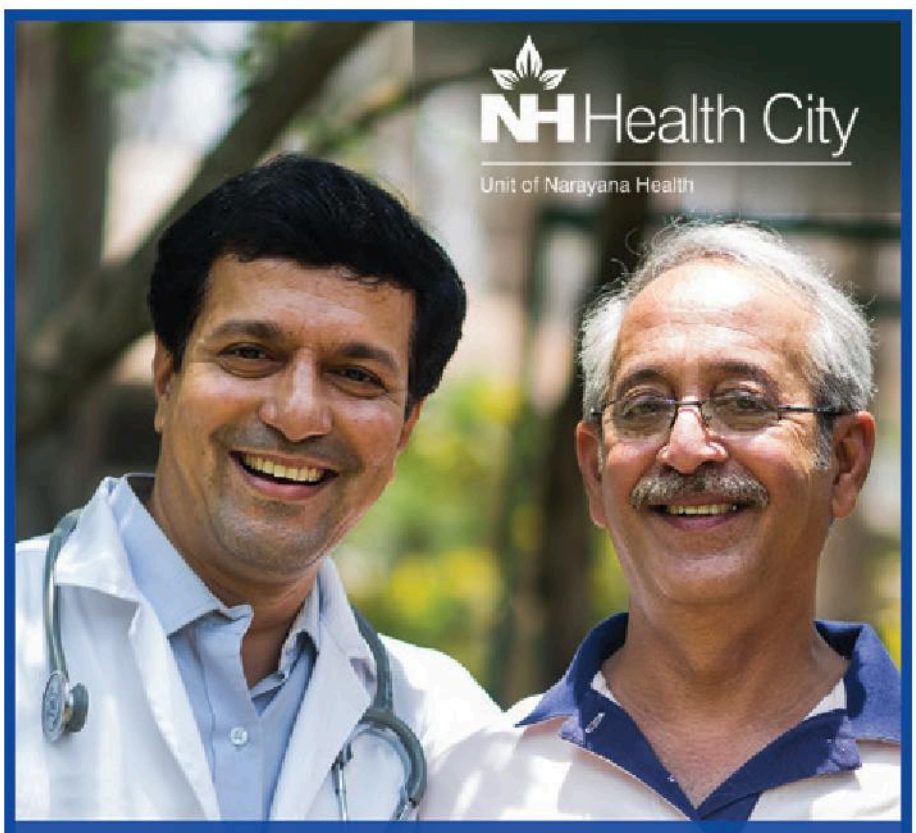

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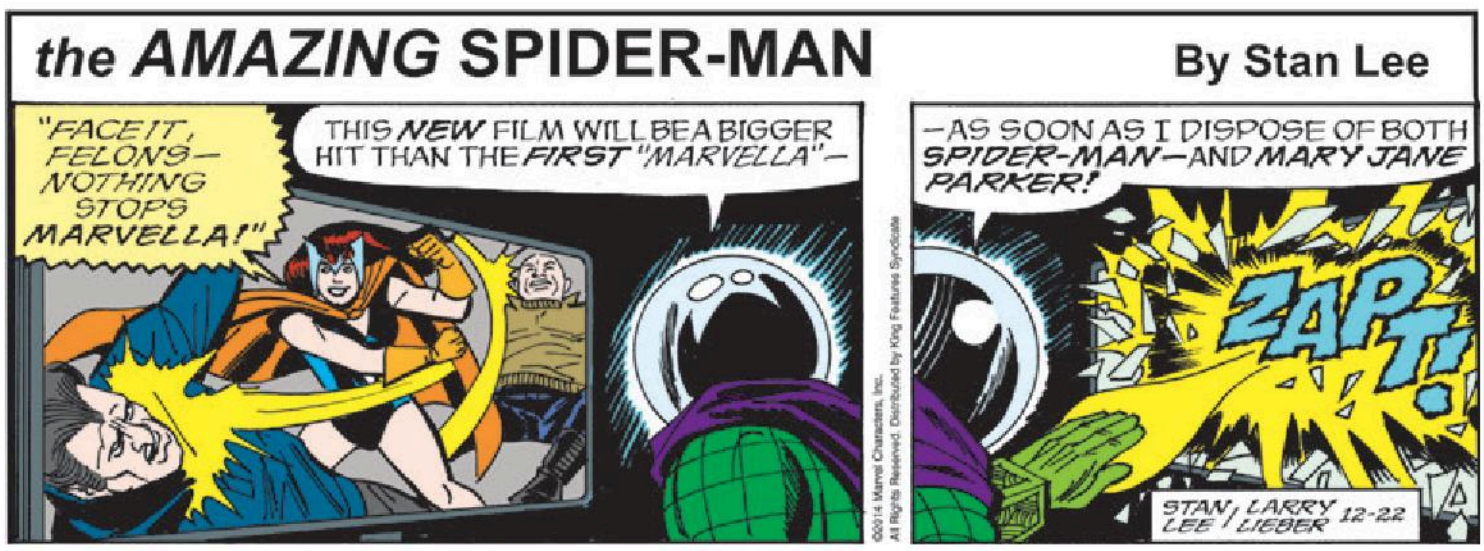
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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Vidwan Ramakrishna Sabhahitha, Sanskrit Teacher, Govt. Girls Pre-University College, Nanjangud tomorrow (Feb. 24) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Blood donation camp tomorrow

GSS Yogic Research Foundation, Apnadesh, Janasnehi Jodibasava Balaga, 92.7 Big FM, in association with Jeevadhara Blood Bank and various associations, have organised a Blood Donation camp at the Foundation premises, #1104, ground floor, Udayaravi Road, Kuvempunagar, on Feb.24 from 9 am to 4 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95380-76642 or 99004-64111, according to a press release.

MCC meeting

The MCC General Meeting will be held on Feb. 27 at 11am and Budget Meeting at 12 noon at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in MCC premises.

'Marma Therapy and CST Treatment'

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised a 'Marma Therapy and CST Treatment' at Sri Ravishankar Guruji Ashram on Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru from Feb. 24 To 26. For details, contact Mob: 70229-20463 or 99005-01877.

Calling Folk Art trainers

Karnataka Janapada Academy has invited entries from Folk Art trainers with experience in the age group of 18 to 35 years to train ST candidates in folk music. Applications can be obtained from the Academy, Kannada Bhavan, 2nd floor, JC Road, Bengaluru or District Assistant Director's office or Department of Kannada and Culture or by visiting www.karnatakajanapada.in. For details call Ph: 080-22215509.

Media interaction

Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised an interaction programme with multilingual actor Prakash Rai for journalists at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city on Feb. 26 at 11 am.

Sahitya Chavadi Samvada

Kalasuruchi has organised a 'Sahitya Chavadi Samvada' at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru on Feb. 25 at 10.30 am. S. Diwakar will speak. C.H. Raghunath and Shashikumar will be present. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795.

Dr. M.R. Ravi, G. Jagadeesha among 36 KAS officers elevated to IAS

Bengaluru, Feb.23- As many as 36 KAS officers will be elevated to the IAS cadre Officers based on the State Government's recommendation, the Chief Minister office said on Thursday.

Dakshina Kannada ZP CEO Dr.M.R. Ravi and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Jagadeesha are among the officers who will be elevated to IAS cadre.

Dr. M. R. Ravi

G. Jagadeesha

The list also includes Dr. Shivashankar, Personal Secretary to BDA Minister K.J. George, Gopalkrishna, Personal Secretary to Minister Roshan Baig, Y.S. Patil, Personal Secretary to Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil and Ravikumar, Personal Secretary to Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait.

B.C. Satish, Basavarajendra, P.N. Ravindra, K. Jyothi, Dr. Arundhati Chandrashekar, M.S. Archana, Mahantesh Bilagi, K.M. Ramesh, M.B. Rajesh Gowda, K.A. Dayananda, C. Satyabhama, Rajamma Chowdareddy and K.S. Lathakumari are among the other KAS officers in the list.

Implement 'Peninsular River Development Plan' to solve Cauvery water crisis

Mysuru, Feb.23-The diversion of excess flow of water from the Mahanadhi and Godavari rivers to the Cauvery River under the 'Peninsular River Development Plan' will end the century-old fight between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for sharing Cauvery water and this would bring about the peace between the people of these two States.

Now-a-days, many organisations and individuals are urging the Central Government to link rivers and it seems the time has come to implement the project, said Prof. K. M. Jayaramaiah, Non-official Member, Karnataka Lake Protection and Development Authority.

In a letter to Karnataka Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil, he has urged him to impress upon Union Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari to implement the 'Peninsular River Development Plan.'

The time has come to implement the project as the Government of India has announced Rs.5.5 lakh crore scheme to connect some of the country's biggest rivers and this ambitious project has been launched to end deadly floods and droughts, he has stated in the letter.

He has asked Patil to see that the work to get 150 TMC feet of excess water from Mahanadhi and Godavari to Cauvery River begins at the earliest.

If the project is implemented, then the need to oppose the Supreme Court's order asking the Central Government to form the Cauvery Water Management Board will not arise, said Prof. Jayaramaiah in the letter.

Youth, who held cop by collar, let off on station bail!

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - Even as the incident of MLA N.A. Haris' son Mohammad Nalapad assaulting a youth in a Bengaluru pub is fresh in public memory, an incident of an influential person holding the collar of a Police Constable and abusing him with filthy words has come to light in Mysuru.

And surprisingly, the accused was let off on Station Bail while any other person would have been sent to jail for obstructing a public servant from performing his duties.

The accused here is 21-year-old Karthik, son of a politician who is the President of a Co-operative Bank in Mysuru. And the constable is G. Nitish, attached to the Ashokapuram Police Station. Nitish was on his beat near a Family Court at Jayanagar on Feb. 21, when scooter borne youths were found riding in a reckless manner.

Police said that while Rocky, a rowdy-sheeter was riding the scooter, Karthik was riding pillion. Karthik had stretched his arms wide, on the busy road, where girls were passing by. Seeing this, Nitish stopped the scooter and questioned Karthik for his indecent behaviour.

At this point, Karthik took Nitish to task for questioning him and also held his collar. "You don't know who I am," said Karthik warning Nitish not to 'insult' him. Even as the passers-by gathered, Karthik went on to abuse Nitish with expletives.

Even when Nitish tried to pull out his cell phone to capture Karthik and Rocky on the camera, the latter tried to snatch the phone.

Nitish immediately informed Garuda Police who arrived on the spot. By then, Rocky and Karthik had fled the spot. The Police later tracked down Karthik and brought him to the Police Station. No sooner Karthik, who owned the scooter, was brought to Police Station, his father's friends arrived and reportedly exerted pressure on the Investigating Officer to let off Karthik.

Though an FIR was filed against the accused charging them with restraining a government servant from performing his duties under Section 353 of IPC, the accused was subsequently released on Station Bail.

Road asphalting works launched

Ward No. 43 Corporator Suhail Baig and Ward No. 42 Corporator Ramu along with MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha are seen launching asphalting works on C.V. Road in Bannimantap recently as MCC Zone-7 Development Officer Srinivas, UGD Executive Engineer Jadav and others look on. The work is taken up at a cost of Rs. 2.25 crore.

Rider killed as car rams into bike

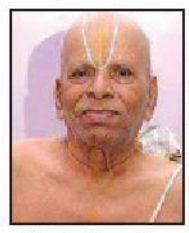
Periyapatna, Feb. 23 (Veeresh&KS) - A bike rider was killed on the spot when a car collided with his bike head-on near Tobacco Board on Bettadapura Road here on Wednesday night.

The deceased has been identified as Kariyappa (30), a resident of Hittnehebbagilu in the taluk.

Kariyappa, along with his friend Chandu were proceeding on the bike (KA-45-X-2064) from Periyapatna towards Hittnehebbagilu village when a car driven by one Yogesh from the opposite direction, collided head-on with the bike resulting in Kariyappa being killed on the spot and Chandu suffering serious injuries on his leg. Chandu has been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru. Periyapatna Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Parakala Mutt Ex-Secretary Venkatanathan passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Former Parakala Mutt Secretary Venkatanathan (85), passed away at a private hospital here yesterday.



Venkatanathan

A resident of Saraswathipuram in city, he had served as a Sanskrit Professor at Manasagangothri and also as a 'Guru' of the Mysuru Royal family.

He leaves behind his wife Rukmini and a host of relatives and friends.

His last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Obituary

D. Abdul Majid

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - D. Abdul Majid (65), proprietor of Asian Agencies on Sayyaji Rao Road and a resident of Shivaji Road 3rd cross in N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday midnight following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held after Namaz Asar (5 pm) at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka road today followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Serial accident on KRS road leaves two injured, vehicles damaged

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&KS)-A serial accident involving an autorickshaw, a bike and two cars near ESI Hospital on KRS Road here yesterday night has left one auto passenger with a fractured leg and another injured besides leaving the vehicles badly damaged.

It is reported that two cars with a bike between them were proceeding from Kumbarakoppal side towards Vontikoppal temple at about 7.30 pm when an autorickshaw came in front of the first car, a Ford Figo (KA-03-AD-8225) all of a sudden from the left side near ESI Hospital resulting in the car ramming into the auto and the autorickshaw ramming into a sugarcane juice cart near ESI Hospital.

This led to a chain of collision as the bike following the Ford Figo car rammed into it and another car following the bike rammed into the bike.

While one of the two passengers in the autorickshaw suffered a fractured leg, another sustained injuries and both were rushed to a private hospital in Gokulam here.

V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector C.V. Ravi and staff, who rushed to the spot, seized all the vehicles involved in the accident, registered a case and is investigating.

Man sentenced to seven years imprisonment for raping minor

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (SBD&KS) - The 7th Additional District and Sessions Court, has sentenced a 32-year-old man to seven years imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 15,000 for raping a minor girl in 2012. The person who has been sentenced has been identified as Raju, a resident of Kallahalli hamlet in Sargur taluk.

On Mar. 7, 2012, the 14-year-old girl also of Kallahalli village had come to Kalammathayi Jathre at Hegganuru village without informing her parents. The girl's mother, who came in search of her, found her there and began to thrash her. Raju, who saw the girl being beaten by her mother, intervened and told the girl's mother that he would bring her to the village on his bike.

He then took the girl and her brother on his bike to drop them to the village but stopped midway where he allegedly raped the girl. The girl's brother, who saw this, immediately ran to the village and informed his mother. By the time the girl's mother arrived at the spot, Raju had fled from the scene.

H.D. Kote Circle Inspector H. Govindaraju, who registered a case in this regard, had submitted the chargesheet against the accused to the Court.

The 7th Additional District and Sessions Court Judge who heard the arguments, found Raju guilty and sentenced him to seven years imprisonment besides imposing a penalty of Rs. 15,000.

Public Prosecutor Mahanthappa argued for the Government.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (KS) - In separate cases, the Lakshmipuram Garuda Police personnel and the Jayapura Police, have found the bodies of unidentified persons in their jurisdictions.

In the first case, the Lakshmipuram Garuda Police personnel during their regular beat on Feb. 21, found a body of an unidentified man near Sarada Vilas College here. The unidentified man is 5.5 ft. tall, aged between 50 and 55 years, oily red complexioned, oval faced and was found wearing a white and green colour checks half-arm shirt and a faded black pant. The body is shifted to MMC&RI mortuary.

The kith and kin of the deceased, contact Lakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418120/320 or 2418520 or contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, Jayapura Police personnel have found the body of a man in a decomposed state in a ditch near Somanathanagar Bus Stand in city.

The unidentified man is 5.5 ft. tall, sports beard and was wearing a white coloured full-arm shirt.

A member of the public, who got foul smell emanating from the ditch, inspected the place and found the dead body. He immediately informed other members of the public. Jayapura Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The unidentified body has bite marks behind the head and the Police have suspected that the person may have slipped and fallen into the ditch resulting in his death and stray dogs may have bitten him.

The kith and kin of the deceased unidentified person if any, may contact Jayapura Police Station on Ph: 0821-2595781 or Mob: 94808-05047 or contact District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Loud sound rattles Mysureans

It was not earthquake but a Sonic Boom

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - It was neither an earthquake nor a quarry blast. The loud sound that was heard at around 12.45 pm yesterday was in fact, a 'Sonic Boom' created by a Supersonic Jet. Due to the loud sound, rumours spread that there was an earthquake.

Panicked residents, especially from Kuvempunagar, Saraswathipuram, V.V. Puram, Railway Yard, Paduvarahalli, Yadavagiri and Bannimantap, even complained that the vessels in their houses shook and fell off the shelves.

A Sonic Boom is a loud noise created by the 'shock wave' produced by a Supersonic Jet that is travelling faster than sound. Normally, for a plane that is going at sub-sonic speeds (lower than that of sound), the sound of the plane is radiated in all directions, but at supersonic speed, it is going faster than the speed of its sound and that's when 'Sonic Boom' occurs.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Karthik, a resident of the city who is preparing for his Civil Services examinations said that if a plane (a jet) is travelling slower than the speed of sound, then sound waves can propagate ahead of the plane. If the plane breaks the sound barrier and flies faster than the speed of sound, it produces a Sonic Boom when it flies past.

The boom is the "wake" of the plane's sound waves. The sound waves that would have normally propagated ahead of the plane are combined together so at first you hear nothing, and then you hear the boom they create, he said. Sonic Booms generate large amount of sound energy, sounding like an explosion, he added.

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Mini open air theatre 'Chintana Chavadi' unveiled at Kalamandira premises

Folk singer Malavalli Mahadevaswamy opens his heart out to audience

Mysuru, Feb.23 (SBD&NNN)- The Kannada and Culture Department through its maintenance funds has dedicated one more unique open air mini theatre '*Chintana Chavadi*' to the public yesterday at the Kalamandira premises. This is in addition to the mini theatre near the Kalamandira.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep inaugurated the mini open air theatre yesterday at Kalamandira premises. The opening was very memorable with well-known Janapada singer Malavalli Mahadevaswamy and his troupe singing songs on Male Mahadeshwara and Siddappaji. Later, in the programme '*Sadakarondige Naavu Neevu*' he opened his heart out by speaking about his life's journey.

Mahadevaswamy's life: Extreme poverty and hunger in his life is what motivated him to pick up the art of singing. He was wandering, singing and begging in search of food (ragi). "The singing I did then has now become a way of life for me. There was a time when I was not in a position to even enter a city. But due to the grace of God and his blessings for me in this art, I have gone to far away America and returned. I have seen Dr. Rajkumar's '*Bangarada Manushya*' 99 times. I passed my tenth standard in 1969 and stopped studying as I did not have resources to continue," he recounted.

Mahadevaswamy grew up listening to the folk songs sung by his forefathers at the courtyard of his home in the village. He would never miss any play staged in the neighbouring villages and towns. His father had entrusted him with the work of grazing cattle and tilling the land. "However, Purigali's Boregowda educated me. He also taught me life's lessons that if I wander to different places singing I can fill my sack with ragi," he recalled.

Later, Ullamballi Mahadevappa taught him to sing the songs of great saints like Male Mahadeshwara, Siddappaji, Nanjundeshwara, Chennigarama and Manteswamy. "I do not have any other wealth apart from my voice. My throat itself is like having 25 acres of land. I am prepared to teach these songs to the youth if they are willing to learn," he said.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H.Chennappa, in his opening remarks, said that the DC had sanctioned Rs.20 lakh for the development of the garden. The *Chintana Chavadi* has been set up at a cost of Rs.3.80 lakh. Today the interaction with Janapada singer Malavalli Mahadevaswamy was arranged. In future '*Sadakarondige Naavu Neevu*' will be arranged every Wednesday. A committee has been formed to select the achievers, he added.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy participated as guests.

Theatre persons Mandya Ramesh, Prof. H.S. Ramachandregowda, Rajashekar Kadamba, Mime Ramesh, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and representatives of other organisations were present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep inaugurating the mini open air theatre 'Chintana Chavadi' at Kalamandira premises in city last evening as Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Chennappa and others look on.

Janapada artiste Malavalli Mahadevaswamy and troupe performing at Chintana Chavadi.

Sri Tyagaraja - Purandara Aradhana on Feb.24 and 25

Mysuru, Feb.23- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira is celebrating its 31st Sri Tyagaraja - Purandara Aradhana on Feb. 24 and 25 at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V.Mohalla.

On Saturday (Feb.24), the programme commences at 3 pm with the singing of 'Purandara Navarathna' by the young students of 'Surabhi' followed by the group rendering of compositions on 'Sri Rama' by the participants of the workshop conducted by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar recently.

There will be a grand music concert by Vidwan Ramakrishnan Murthy (Chennai) and party from 6 pm onwards.

On Sunday (Feb. 25), there will be Goshti gayana of Pancharatna Krithis by Vidwans and Vidushis of Mysuru at 9.30 am which will be preceded by the rendering of Tyagaraja krithis by the senior students of 'Surabhi.'

After the felicitation and conferring of the title, 'Gaana Surabhi' on veteran musician of Mattoor (Shivamogga), Ganakala Bhushana Vidwan T. Gopal, Vidushi Mysore S. Rajalakshmi will present a Veena recital from 11 am. Mangalarathi and Mahaprasadam will be at 1.30 pm.

Benny Dayal to perform at Forum Centre in city this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (KS) - Forum Centre City in association with Radio Mirchi is unveiling Forum Rocks Live with Benny Dayal, well-known Bollywood playback singer at the Forum Centre premises on Hyder Ali Road in Nazarbad here today from 7 pm onwards.

Benny Dayal, who is adept in South Indian languages as well as Hindi, has sung over 40 songs in Tamil and has also sung some of the most foot-tapping numbers like '*Rehna Tu*', '*Omana Penne*', '*Badtameez Dil*', '*Bang Bang*', '*Kaise Muje Tum Mil Gayi*' and '*Tangaali Tandeya*' among others. He has won the Filmfare Award in the category 'RD Burman Award for New Music Talent' in 2009.

State-level Theatre Fest begins in city

Stage singer and harmonium player Paramashivam inaugurating the four-day 'Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018' State-level Theatre Festival jointly organised by Kadamba Ranga Vedike and Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru, at Kalamandira's mini theatre here yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.23 (YDS&NNN)- "I have written more than 1,200 stage songs and they are all found in my note books. And even though I am 80 years old, I can stand and sing all of them without looking at them. Till now I have sung more than 2,500 stage songs (Ranga Geethe)," said well-known stage singer and harmonium player Paramashivam.

He was speaking after inaugurating the four-day 'Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018' State Theatre Festival jointly organised by Kadamba Ranga Vedike and Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru at Kalamandira's mini theatre, here yesterday.

"The Kannada and Culture Department should have made the effort to collect all these songs for future generations. But I do not know why they have not done it. However, Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax Department Govinde Gowda who has interest in art and literature and keen to introduce it to the coming generations has spent nearly Rs. 6 lakh to bring out 2,500 stage songs in a CD format," said Paramashivam.

He said that since singing stage songs was difficult not many would sing them. However, it was Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar and B.V. Karanth who gave a new dimension to the stage songs and conveyed the message that everyone can sing them, thus preserving the great legacy.

Mysuru is the birthplace of many arts and it should present the best plays to the people and thus preserve the arts. This work Kadamba Ranga Vedike is doing, he lauded.

Rajyotsava awardee Y.M. Puttannaiah, Karnataka State Nataka Academy awardees actor Mandya Ramesh and S.S. Gayathri were honoured on the occasion. Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba and others were present.

Later, singers Y.M. Puttannaiah, Kupya Venkatram, H.S.Govinde Gowda, Bhoomika, D. Nagendra Kumar, Nagaratna, Shivabasappa Horeyala and D. Krishnamurthy entertained the audience with Ranga Geethe.

Bhasa Mahakavi's *'Dootaparva'* directed by Ganapathy B. Hegde will be staged by Janadani troupe of Mandya at Kalamandira at 7 this evening. Tomorrow (Feb.24) Skydiving, Bengaluru will stage the play *'Sarga'* directed by Shailesh Kumar and on Feb.25 Kadamba Ranga Vedike will stage *'Galiyemba Kuduruyanneri'* play written by Dr. Prabhushankara and directed by H.N. Umesh and both the dramas will be staged at 7 pm at the same venue.

All India Milli Council to celebrate Silver Jubilee in city

Mysuru, Feb.23 - The Silver Jubilee function and Annual General Body Meeting of All India Milli Council (AIMC) will be held at Hotel Regenta on Nelson Mandela Road, opposite KSRTC Depot in Bannimantap here from Feb. 23 to 25.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, A.M. Hazrath Moulana Hakeem Abdulla Mughaisi, President, AIMC, said that due to deterioration in communal harmony All India Milli Council was constituted 25 years ago and today we celebrating the Silver Jubilee in this cultural city.

"We always struggle for maintaining communal harmony and peace in the country and in future also we will fight against communal forces and work for the welfare of women and the downtrodden."

Dr. Manzoor Alam, General Secretary, AIMC, New Delhi, also spoke.

Meanwhile, Ulemas have arrived in city to take part in the celebrations which will have different sessions for students, women, traders and advocates at Siddiqia Arabic College and Hotel Regenta.

A public function titled *"Save Constitution, Build Nation"* will be held on Feb. 25 at 6 pm at Meelad Bagh, Ashoka road.

Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla Saheb Siddiqui, President, AIMC Mysuru District Unit, K.C Shoukath Pasha, General Secretary and Corporator, AIMC Mysuru, Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Naseem Saheb Rishadi, Hazrath Moulana Ibrahim, Hazrath Moulana Qari Fayaz Ahmed, Ariff A. Mehkri, Chairman, Mysuru District Waqf Advisory Committee, Syed Akram Pasha, Member, Mysuru District Waqf Advisory Committee are supervising the arrangements under the guidance of Minister Tanveer Sait.

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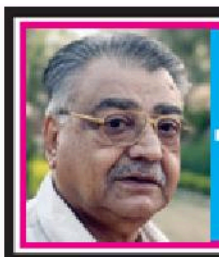

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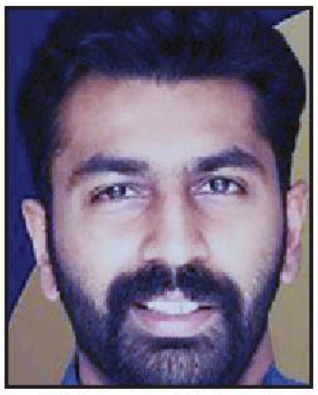
By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Two Mothers

of Mohammed Nalapad and L. Vidvat



Mohammed Nalapad

THEN AND NOW: ***L. Vidvat*** *(left)* ***with a swollen face after being bashed up.***

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it," said that great American writer and humorist Mark Twain. I agree and I am sure all mothers will agree. However, there is a caveat. The trouble Mark Twain had mentioned should not be such that the son should kill some one or break the bones. In such a case of trouble, no mother would support her son much less enjoy unless she is a *rakshasi* !

I am also wondering what would a father do in such a situation where son becomes a rogue, perverse and an anti-social element. In short, an urban lumpen that we find among the rich and powerful children of politicians, bureaucrats or wealthy businessmen. For example, like it happened in the case of N.A. Haris, a Congress MLA, whose son Mohammed Nalapad was arrested for a criminal offence and who is now cooling his heels in jail under judicial custody. Since the nature of his crime and its gravity is known to the people following a blitzkrieg of a publicity in all media and also heard its echo in the Assembly, I will not inflict a repetition.

However, what moved me was the deeply hurt feeling of Mohammed Nalapad's father, Haris which he expressed in the Assembly offering an apology. "I tender an apology if the incident involving my son has affected the dignity of the house and pride of its members," he had said. As a lateral thought I would say the word "if" takes away the veracity and the ingenuous nature of the apology. A sort of take it "if" or ignore it "if not." As a father of a very young son aged 24, it is obvious his public conduct and behaviour is bound to vitiate the dignity of the Assembly of which the father is a honourable member.

The legend in the figurine says: ***It'll be at least a thousand years before another dad like you appears.***

When a son is sick, the best medicine in the world could be a mother's kiss; but when the son is suffering from a sick mind, I guess a mother's kick would be the best medicine.

Be that as it may, the father Haris, MLA, had to face an embarrassing situation because of his son. Many questions arise. Did he fail to bring-up his son in a civilised and cultured way with proper education? That way, he has the vicarious responsibility for his son's behaviour in this context. Let it be.

But then, everyone seems to have forgotten the mothers. The mother of boy Mohammed Nalapad and the mother of the boy Vidvat. How much trauma both mothers must have suffered, God only knows. No wonder, it is said in a lighter vein, that life does not come with a manual, it comes with a mother. And it is assumed the first lessons of life are taught by mothers. It is also said that it is not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it. Yes, how true.

When a son is sick, it may be, the best medicine in the world could be a mother's kiss; but when the son is suffering from a sick mind, I guess a mother's kick would be the best medicine. In this case if it is the stigma of being a goonda family for Haris and his wife, it is the trauma of seeing their son beaten to pulp with life-threatening injury for the parents of Vidvat the victim.

In both the cases, the mothers are the silent sufferers. Fathers manage either with their money power or political power as Haris the MLA has done. But what about his wife, the mother of his son? How much hurt Mohammed Nalapad's mother should be because of her son's conduct? How much the mother of the victim Vidvat must be grieving because of the cruelty of a rich politician's son?

Many years ago, when my sons were in school, my wife received a birthday card with the wordings, "To my big mother." The text read: *"A mother sees all, says little; sacrifices all, complains little; gives all, expects little... All she wants is her child to be happy."*

Are the mothers of Mohammed Nalapad and of Vidvat happy today?

And before I forget, let me remind myself of a small Plaster of Paris statuette my sons sent me for my birthday when they were in school *[See pic. above]*. The text therein seems to be rather enigmatic — leaving me wonder if I am a good father or a bad father !!

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HRD Minister Javadekar assures KSOU admission approval soon

Javadekar

Bengaluru, Feb.23 - Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has said that the guidelines for Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) courses for the year 2018-19 has been framed and admissions will be approved shortly.

He said that he has called for a meeting in New Delhi next week to discuss about the admissions in the interest of lakhs of students and permission will be granted to start the admission process for students in the coming 2018-19 academic year.

Separate examinations will be held for old students and their exam papers valued and marks cards recognised. "I have also come from the students' movement and I am always for their interest," he told the media.

Students happy: KSOU lost it recognition in the year 2013. More than one lakh students had passed and obtained degrees. As a result of University Grants Commission (UGC) de-recognising the courses, the marks cards of the students became invalid. The government and the private companies did not recognise the degrees when many of them applied for jobs based on the marks cards. Similar was the fate of the students admitted in 2012.

However, due to the efforts of KSOU which approached the High Court, it passed an order to recognise the marks cards of the 2012 batch of students that has benefited them.

The assurance of the HRD Minister now has kindled the hopes of students as they had all suffered a lot economically.

SHABD- 2018 literary festival at SJCE from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 23- SHABD-2018, a national-level literary festival held annually at Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru and organised by the SJCE Editorial Board, will be conducted on Feb. 24 and 25. This annual festival aims at encouraging talent in English and Kannada literary fields as well as art and photography. Being the 12th consecutive edition, the festival will retain its uniqueness by being open to students from all disciplines.

The fest will be inaugurated by Lohitashwa, veteran actor and retd. English Professor. Other guests include Dr. B. G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor, JSS S&TU and Dr. K. S. Lokesh, Registrar, JSS S&TU. The function will be presided over by Dr. T. N. Nagabhushan, Principal, SJCE.

The main event, which is expected to be attended by over three thousand participants from in and around Mysuru, will consist of 20 events. Spot registrations will be entertained.

For details contact the Editors-in-Chief, Harsha - 8861120925 or Pranjali - 9449414267.

Mysuru Food Festival this weekend

Mysuru, Feb.23 - To tickle the taste-buds of Mysureans this summer, Fusion Kookery Events, spearheaded by Shehnaz Matheen, is organising Mysuru Food Festival (Season 1) at the Wind Chimes Hotel in Nazarbad on Feb. 24 and 25 (Saturday and Sunday) between 10.30 am and 9 pm.

The event will be inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep. Namrata Shenoy, National VP of Ladies Circle and Zareina Imthiaz, Pastry chef, will be present on the occasion.

The event will have umpteen stalls to satiate the taste-buds — from dosas, idlis and millet-based dishes that promote popular health to mouth-watering biryani, fiery Mexican and Italian dishes, barbecues, juices, health foods, pizzas, crunchy Chinese foods, spicy chats etc. There will be tender fresh ice creams too! Apart from this, food trucks that have made a foray into Mysuru would be dishing out their specialty fusion foods.

Inauguration postponed

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The centenary celebrations and inauguration of the newly-constructed building of the Main Branch of The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., New Sayyaji Rao Road, which was scheduled to be held on Sunday (Feb. 25) have been postponed as CM Siddharamaiah, who was to inaugurate the celebrations, is busy with other engagements in view of AICC President Rahul Gandhi's visit to the State. The new date will be announced shortly, according to Mir Humayun, Bank President.

DC inspects EVM godown in city

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (MTY&DM)- With the State Assembly polls round the corner, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) are being brought to city from today.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep visited Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road in city, where the EVMs will be stacked under tight security.

There are 2,687 polling booths in the District and the Election Commission of India will be dispatching 3,500 EVMs in batches, with the first consignment of EVMs arriving today.

Additional DC T. Yogesh, AC Veena and other officials accompanied the DC.

Speaking to *SOM*, DC Randeep said that 3,500 EVMs fitted with VVPAT meant for the district will be arriving in batches, out of which nearly 40 percent are buffer stock.

Pointing out that any malfunctioning EVMs will be replaced from the buffer stock, Randeep said that Technical experts from Bharath Electronics Ltd., (BEL) will be arriving in city next week to check the functioning of the EVMs through FSLC Test. Once thorough checks are concluded, demonstrations will be held to educate leaders of all political parties on the functioning of EVMs. To ensure foolproof security and safety of EVMs, CC cameras have been installed at vantage points in the godown, he said and added that the district administration in looking for a second godown nearby to store EVMs.

Brahmin outfit to hold rally in Bengaluru on Feb. 24, 25

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&DM)- The Akhila Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha (AKBMS) will hold a two-day rally at Bengaluru on Feb. 24 and 25.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association President D.T. Prakash said that the rally is aimed at highlighting the plight of the community and to demand reservation for economically weaker sections of the community.

Stating that the rally will take place at National College Ground in Basavanagudi, he said that the rally will provide a platform to discuss community issues and added that the Association has contracted more than 40 buses to take people to the rally. For more details call 99452-66832, 95388-84748.

State AKBMS Vice-President and BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, who also address the press meet, said that the rally will discuss various issues concerning Brahmin community and will pass resolution, which includes reservation for economically weak community members and setting up of a community welfare fund like in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

AKBMS office-bearers G.R. Nagaraj, Mahadev and Gopal were present at the press meet.

More than 500 Brahmin youth from city to take part in rally: More than 500 Brahmin youths from the city will leave for Bengaluru rally by train on the morning of Feb. 25, according to Brahmin Yuva Vedike General Secretary Vikram Iyengar.

The youths will take part in the *Shobhayatre* at 3 pm, which travels through Doddaganapathi Temple, Ramakrishna Ashram Circles, Gandhi Bazaar, DVG Road, Shankar Mutt and Uttaradi Mutt road before reaching Basavanagudi National College ground, the venue of the rally.

For more details, contact Mob: 99807-52727.

Dr. Yoganna presents paper at APICON-2018

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Physician, Cardiologist and Chairman of Suyog Hospital in city, who was invited to deliver a talk at the 73rd annual conference APICON – 2018, delivered the talk and presented the paper on 'Spiritual Health – A new concept,' in Bengaluru today.

S.P. Yoganna

Conditions of tribals remain unchanged: Prof. Assadi

Prof. Assadi

Mysuru, Feb.23 (MTY&NNN)- "The conditions of the tribals have remained unchanged in spite of me submitting a report to the Government quite some time back regarding their issues and problem," said thinker and University of Mysore Prof. Muzaffar H. Assadi.

He was delivering the opening address at the one-day seminar on 'Role of Media in the Empowerment of Tribal Communities' and 'Welfare Programmes and Role of New Media,' organised by the Karnataka Madhyama Academy, District Administration, Information and Publicity Department, Mysuru and Mysuru District Journalists Association at the Abdul Nazir Saab Auditorium in the Zilla Panchayat Office, here this morning.

Though there is bureaucracy and administration, the tribals feel helpless and hence they need to be encouraged to come out of their problems. Sadly, the benefits meant for the Scheduled Tribes are not reaching them. Hence, there must be a separate reservation policy for them among the STs, he said.

The big corporate houses control the national media and it is a sorry state of affairs to see that all they are interested is only in TRPs and market related issues completely side-lining the ones on Adivasis. As a result they have neither political nor economic strength to fight their causes. But media should raise to the occasion and become the voice of the voiceless, said Prof. Assadi.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep who inaugurated the seminar said that when he came to Mysuru, he saw that the media was covering only events like Dasara and ignoring such important issues like the problems of the tribals who are living just 30 km away from the city.

He said that he became aware of the tough conditions that tribals live in when he started interacting with them when some of them came to Mysuru as Mahouts and Kavadis during *Gajapayana* to participate in Dasara celebrations, accompanied by their families.

Giving the example of the tribal Gejja who had climbed a tree in Periyapatna and perched himself, Randeep said that the tribal was not aware of the Forest Rights that he was entitled to. Once, he was issued the duplicate card of the Forest Rights, which he had lost, Gejja was willing to be rehabilitated. Hence, it is the duty of the government and the media to become the voice of the voiceless, he added.

There were nearly 150 people including tribals from the *Hadis* and students participating in the seminar.

Madhyama Academy Chairman M. Siddaraju, Mysuru District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra, Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute Director Prof.T.B. Basavanagowda, Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme Planning Co-ordinator C. Shivakumar, Media Academy member K. Shivakumar, Information and Publicity Department Assistant Director R. Raju, Madhyama Academy Secretary S. Shankarappa, Additional DC T. Yogesh and others were present.

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Restoring forests through community participation

Junglescapes wins 2017 Full Circle Award given by Society for Ecological Restoration

Junglescapes, a Bengaluru-based NGO that has been relentlessly working on restoration of degraded forest eco-systems, especially in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, has bagged the 2017 Full Circle Award given away by Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), a world's leading body for restoration, head-quartered in Washington DC. Junglescapes is the only second Indian recipient of SER Award.

Rotarian C.R. Hanumanth of Mysuru is a member of the Project Governance Committee of Junglescapes. SER gives biennial awards under three categories. One of the three awards is the Full Circle Award given to an NGO that is recognised for its contribution to the practice of restoration in participation with local indigenous communities. The award to Junglescapes was presented at the SER Global Restoration Conference held in August 2017 at Brazil.

Rtn. C. R. Hanumanth (extreme left) of Mysuru, who is a Committee Member of Junglescapes NGO, seen receiving the SER Award along with Ramesh Venkataraman, Founder and Trustee, Junglescapes, from Alan Unwin, Chair, Board of Directors, SER and Jim Furnish, Chair, Awards Committee at the SER Global Restoration Conference in Brazil.

Junglescapes has been working since 2008 on ecological restoration of degraded forests around Bandipur Tiger Reserve. It adopts a community participative model where local communities are actively involved in all aspects of the restoration efforts, providing them alternative livelihoods and an opportunity to demonstrate responsible custodianship towards forests.

Degradation and its impact

Reasons for degradation of forests include human pressures, excessive cattle grazing, firewood collection for cooking and other activities like mud-brick kilns, timber-logging, large-scale interference in forest eco-systems and invasive weeds which have become a major threat.

One of the impacts of forest degradation is human-wildlife conflicts. Absence of adequate edible vegetation in the forests that are badly invaded by invasive species like Lantana Camara and Senna Spectabilis is forcing animals into human habitations.

Degraded forests have a major impact in climatic conditions. The temperature in a regular non-degraded forest will be lower by several degrees. A restored forest is therefore the prescription to fight against global warming.

Invasive species

Invasive species is a major issue in many wildlife sanctuaries in India. Some of the most prevalent invasive species in dry deciduous forests are Lantana Camara, Chromolaena odorata, Senna (earlier classified under Cassia) Spectabilis and Parthenium hysterophorus.

Most of these invasive species are exotic species that have come into the country either accidentally or brought as ornamental plants. For example, Lantana Camara was brought to India by the British around 1805 from South America as an ornamental plant and has since then spread across the country.

Lantana Camara is the biggest threat and has invaded 40-60% of many forest areas in the Nilgiris Biosphere including protected areas and tiger reserves. As a result while protected areas are physically cordoned off they are not ecologically protected.

Invasive weeds push out native species of vegetation and prevent fresh growth of native vegetation. For example, in most parts of Bandipur bamboo re-appearance is very low because of the domination by Lantana. This severely affects food availability for elephants which depend on a multi-floral diet.

Junglescapes model of community participative restoration

The restoration work is carried in collaboration with village communities living near the forests. This provides them valuable alternate livelihoods and in turn fosters a win-win relationship between them and the ecology. In the short term this creates an economic reward for conservation, in medium term these communities start demonstrating stewardship towards forests. This is the larger benefit. Further degradation can be avoided and custodianship can be secured.

Junglescapes works in close collaboration with Forest Department and its objective is to strengthen the hands of the Department in reversing degradation and also manage human-animal conflicts.

The involvement of local communities in restoration efforts is important as the task is huge. These communities live at the edge of the forest and hence are in the best position to carry out restoration activities.

Outcome of restoration effort

Over 2,500 acres of forests have been restored to good bio-diverse forests in the last 9-10 years. Degraded patches of forest have around 15-20 species of trees and around 15 species of shrubs. Restored areas have over 55 native species of trees after 6-7 years of effort.

They have over 80-90 native species of smaller vegetation like shrubs and creepers. So after restoration, there is a 3-fold increase in biodiversity. Restoration supports a wide variety of fauna too.

Passive restoration methods

Junglescapes achieved the above mostly through passive restoration methods and by re-building the resilience of ecosystem. These passive methods are low-cost, easy to implement by local community members and based on strong science. The methods also focus on generating alternative livelihoods and incomes for local population.

Special care is taken to ensure an ecosystem is restored to the same type of ecosystem as what it was originally. The use of passive methods helps ensure that the intervention is kept to the minimum and all species are native to the ecosystem. Passive methods involve actions towards improving the soil quality, increasing moisture levels, creating the right environment for pioneer species to establish, removing invasive weeds, etc.

Lantana removal and restoration methods

Junglescapes uses the cut-rootstock method developed by the Centre for Environmental Monitoring of Degraded Ecosystems, Delhi which is a Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. This method has been deployed successfully in Corbett Tiger Reserve and large areas invaded by Lantana have been restored.

The rootstock of the Lantana is manually cut 2-3 inches below the soil. This prevents the weed from regenerating. In this method, dormant seeds under the soil are left undisturbed. Traditional methods like grubbing with JCBs or burning are dangerous as thousands of dormant Lantana seeds that are lying beneath the soil are disturbed and they break their dormancy and germinate. This accelerates growth of Lantana to two or three-fold more than previously.

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Lantana Camara during bloom.

Lantana bushes being removed by correct methods.

OMG! YEH MERA INDIA

Oh My God! Mysuru girl to be featured in History Channel

Yoga Champ H. Kushi

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- It is a matter of pride for Mysuru, considered the Yoga Capital of the World, as a young girl from the city will be featured in History Channel. The channel has prepared a documentary on 13-year-old H. Kushi as part of its most popular OMG! (Oh My God) Yeh Mera India series Season 4.

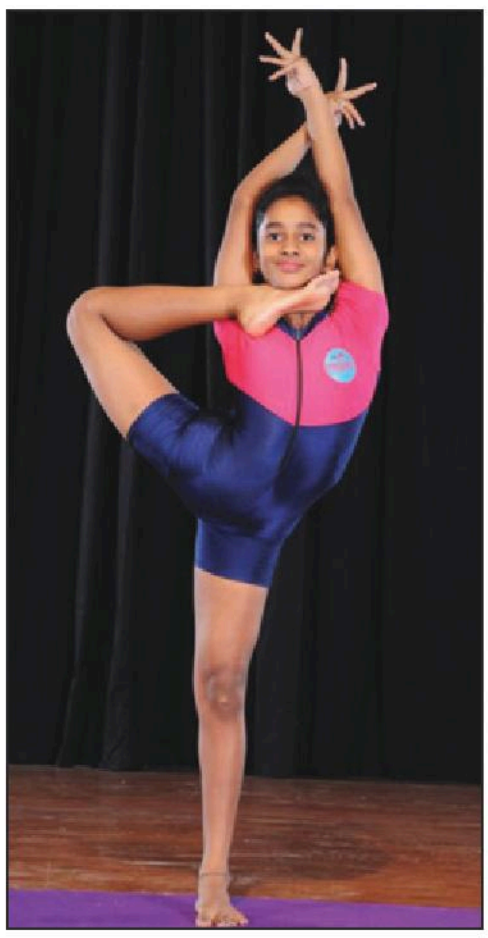
The documentary is a part of the first episode of the series and will be aired globally. The date of the telecast has not yet been confirmed.

Yoga is a physical exercise where one can move his or her body in different positions to get more fit and flexible. And Kushi has set a jaw-dropping world record with most difficult yoga asanas. She performed Niraalamba Poorna Chakrasana for 15 times in a minute, creating new record in the Golden Book of Records.

A student of St Joseph's Central School and also a winner in international yoga competitions, Kushi demonstrated 'Back Plank Recline Cruncher' (Niraalamba Poorna Chakrasana) at RBI Community Hall at RBI Nagar in city in June last year as part of her attempt for the world record. While pulling out the Niraalamba Poorna Chakrasana is a difficult task for most of us, Kushi does it with ease.

Daughter of Reserve Bank of India officers Hemachandra-Kumuda couple, Kushi has been practicing yoga since many years. She started doing yoga to resolve her breathing problems. Later she realised she has quite a talent for it. And nothing stopped her and she excelled in it too.

"I faced breathing problems and my father took me to a yoga class. Under his guidance, I resolved my breathing problem and also developed interest towards yoga. Now I am a yoga practitioner and have represented India internationally. I want to be a yoga teacher and make more records and I want to take up IAS as a profession," she says.



Kushi performed the Niraalamba Poorna Chakrasana after seeing a video of an American yogic Kenilhi Ebina. She has won several medals in national and International level yoga competitions. She has won the silver medal in the 40th National Yoga Sports Championship held in 2015-16 and has also secured the fourth place in Solo Artistic.

The little champ has secured two gold medals at Shanghai First International Yoga invitation tournament held in China in 2014. She won two silver medals in the sixth Asian Yoga Sports Championship held in Vietnam in September 2016.

Kushi secured first place in the national-level yoga competition organised by Panduranga Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Kendra in August 2014, in Mysuru. She has also bagged three medals in All India Yogasana Championship 2016, organised by Krishna Yoga Association. Kushi clinched a gold medal in 'Forward Bending Asana', silver medals in 'Combination Asana' and 'Leg and Hand Balance'

Kushi has won several awards such as 'Yoga Praveene', 'Karnataka Kalashree', 'District Youth Award', 'Yoga Kesari', Mysore Rathna', Sadhana Rathna', 'Best Exceptional Achievement' and 'Yoga Rathna'. She is a brand ambassador for Clean City of India campaign Mysuru.

Power Lifters bring laurels to city

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Power Lifter N. Eshwar has brought laurels to Mysuru by winning medals at the Asian Power Lifting Championship held at Alappuza in Kerala between Dec. 4 and Dec. 9, 2017.

He has bagged a silver medal in Master 1 category by lifting 120 kgs in squat, 80 kgs in bench press and 150 kgs in dead lift categories – in all, he has lifted 350 kgs. This apart, he has also bagged a silver medal by lifting 390 kgs – 140 kgs in squat, 90 kgs in bench press and 160 kgs in dead lift categories at the Power Lifting Championships held at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu between Jan. 7, 2018 and Jan. 12. The event was organised by Power Lifting India.

N. Eshwar

K. Manjunath

D. Vasudeva

In the Power Lifting Championship organised in Bengaluru from Feb. 9 to Feb. 10 by Mangaluru-based Karnataka Power Lifting Association, Eshwar has bagged silver in 59 kgs category by lifting 85 kgs and thereby bagging the medal in "Karnataka State Master 1 Bench Press" category. K. Manjunath of Mysuru has bagged a silver medal in "Karnataka State Master 1 Bench Press" category and has lifted 95 kgs in 66 kgs category at the same event.

At the same event, D. Vasudeva of Mysuru District Power Lifting Association bagged a gold medal in "Karnataka State Master 4 Bench Press" category and has lifted 65 kgs in 83 kgs category.

MDFA 'C' Division Football League

Hat-trick by Tsewang

Mysuru, Feb. 23- A hat-trick by right-out Tsewang Norboo (7,25,50) helped Challenge Union FC to register a well earned 4-0 win over Metro FC in the MDFA 'C' Division league tie for the Chirag Trophy played at the University grounds here on Thursday.

RESULTS

Challenge Union FC 4 (Tsewang Norboo 7, 25, 50, Stanzin 51) bt Metro FC 0.

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Plea to stop burning garbage in Brindavan Extension

A major mishap was averted in Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, after the MCC staff put fire to a heap of garbage on dry grass near an electric pole. As the garbage burnt, the dry grass below too caught fire and began to spread quickly which was put off with the help of the NCC Officers. Such negligent works could lead to serious accident. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to stop burning of garbage.

MCC CLARIFIES

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Following publication of various civic issues in *SOM*'s WhatsApp Us column, the MCC has issued the following clarifications.

For the news item titled **'Clogged drains in Gokulam needs to be cleaned'** published on Jan. 25, the MCC has clarified that the drains in Gokulam 3rd Stage, 7th Cross has been cleaned.

For the news item **'Maintain cleanliness at Sougandhika Park'** on Jan. 25, the MCC, in a clarification has stated that the garbage has been removed and the place cleaned.

For **'Clear this garbage in V.V. Mohalla 6th Main,'** published on Jan. 30, the civic body has clarified that the problem has been attended and the place has been cleaned.

For the news item titled **'Plea to get the clogged drain in Kuvempunagar cleaned,'** published on Feb. 12, the MCC has issued a clarification that the garbage dumped inside the drain has been removed and the drain cleaned.

Shikshakara Prathiba Parishat opens wing in Hunsur

'Gurusri' awards presented to 45 teachers

Hunsur, Feb. 23 (US&RG)- Karnataka Rajya Shikshakara Prathiba Parishat had organised a function at Shikshakara Bhavana in the town recently to mark the inauguration of the taluk wing of the Parishat.

'*Gurushri*' awards were also presented to 45 teachers on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion DDPI Manjula opined that the close bond between *Guru* and *Shishya* was a part of Indian culture dating back to ages. She hoped that the Parishat would unite teachers of Central, State, aided and un-aided schools with a common motto. Briefing the gathering, Parishat State President P. Mahesh said that teachers of Lower Primary School to PU College were members of the Parishat with branches in 58 taluks of 16 districts in the State.

Teachers Vijaya Kumar, N. Raghu and Shekar who have been selected to post of KAS officers were also felicitated on the occasion.

The new office-bearers of Taluk Parishat were inducted.

Taluk Parishat President T. Rangaswamy, BEO S. Revanna, entrepreneur Amarnath, TP President Padmamma, Vice-President Premkumar, City Municipal President M. Shivakumar and others were present.

Poetry losing semblance of structure and syntax: Scholar

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (YDS&DM)- Regretting that Kannada Poetry is losing semblance of structure and syntax, Folk Scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj said that he wished to see a new crop of lyricists in Kannada.

He was speaking at a music programme based on his *Mahakavya* work '*Kanaka Tarangini*' organised by Brahmavidya at Nadabramba Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here recently.

Highlighting the need for a new breed of innovative poetry, Dr. Bharadwaj said that many from various spheres of life have commended him for his *Mahakavya* work '*Kanaka Tarangini*'

He further said that he was elated to note that the programme was held in the presence of Music Maestro Dr. R. Satyanarayana. Pointing out that his work was not focussed on a uniform syntax, he said that most of the *Mahakavyas* that were scripted after Kuvempu era, was monotonous in nature. Recalling the pains he had taken to script a poetic story based on the life of Kanakadasa, he said that he made attempts to script Kanakadasa *Keertanas* with a background of new musical tones.

He further said that he felt honoured to note that his Kanakadasa based *Mahakavya* had succeeded in making an impact among music connoisseurs. Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj was felicitated on the occasion.

Renowned Musician Dr. R. Satyanarayana, former faculty of Italy's Venice University Jan Jussep Phillippe, former MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohan Kumar, KSOU faculty Dr. Jyothishankar and others were present.

MLA distributes loan sanction letters

MLA M.K. Somashekar is seen distributing loan sanction letters of various Boards and Corporations to beneficiaries of K.R. Constituency at a function held at Samrat Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar in city recently.

Postal employee feted for his services

Mahadevappa, a Mail Overseer at K.R. Nagar Post Office, who retired on superannuation on Jan.31 was felicitated by Lokesh, Inspector of Post at a function organised by Postal Staff Quarters Welfare Association recently as P. Shantha Raje Urs, Postal Marketing Executive, Mysore Division and Hon. President of Mysore Postal Quarters Welfare Association and others look on.

AN APPEAL

Support to Save Kodagu from Destruction

The Environment, the Forests, the Landscape and the very future of Kodagu and its people are at stake due to the proposals for two destructive projects of Railways and four Multi-lane National Highways through Kodagu. With the felling of lakhs of trees across Kodagu, the death of River Cauvery will be only a matter of time.

In this regard, the **Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS)** is coordinating a **Save Kodagu and Cauvery Campaign** with the support of various organisations and individuals across Kodagu. However, in order to fight the vested interests that are hell bent on these projects and to put pressure on our ill-advised policy-makers, much more needs to be done. We need to approach the Courts, organise more protests, and send delegations to Bengaluru and Delhi.

We have already put in a lot of time, money and effort from our side and we will continue to do so. However, we urgently require additional **funding support** to be able to manage the entire spectrum of actions. **We, therefore, request every concerned people hailing from Kodagu to contribute generously and at the earliest towards The Save Kodagu Fund of Coorg Wildlife Society.**

Crossed Cheque favouring CWS, Save Kodagu Fund, may please be sent to our office address: Coorg Wildlife Society, PO Box 111, Near DFO Quarters, Chain Gate, Madikeri-571201. Alternately, RTGS payments may be made to CWS, Save Kodagu Fund, Corporation Bank, Madikeri, A/C No: 520101224054488, IFSC Code: CORP0000007.

Please show solidarity to our cause and provide us your valuable support.

—Col. C.P. Muthanna, President, Coorg Wildlife Society & Coordinator, Save Kodagu and Cauvery Campaign

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Today's Total		**Rs. 2,30,500**
Previous Total		**Rs. 7,11,000**
Grand Total		**Rs. 9,41,500**

NOTE: *Residents of Mysuru who wish to donate to "CWS Save Kodagu Fund" may also contact Kambeyanda Sunil Biddappa on Mob: 9740269955 who will make arrangements to collect the cheques from their residence.*

Restoring forests through community participation

Lokkare Mahila Lantana Karakushala Sangha with some of their hand-crafted items.

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Restoration of plots after removal of Lantana is crucial as otherwise the place may be invaded by secondary weeds.

This reiterates the importance of having scientifically validated protocols for managing such invasive weeds. This also demonstrates that the Lantana problem can be tackled if there is a planned approach and willingness, and funding, to sustain the restoration for 10-15 years.

Livelihoods, traditional knowledge

Most of the community members participating in the restoration effort are from indigenous communities like Jenu Kurubas and Soligas. They were previously engaged mostly in farm labour in nearby farms. This work is seasonal and averages 10 days a month giving them incomes of Rs. 2,000 - 2,500 a month over the year.

The restoration effort is carried out throughout the year and these community members get a livelihood of around Rs. 6,500 each per month. This has led to significant improvement in the quality of life of their families.

Eco chulhas

Traditional method of cooking on open stoves consumes 15 kgs of firewood a day per household. Junglescapes has implemented the low smoke *chulha* (Stove) in over 400 households. These *chulhas* consume just 5 kgs of firewood a day. This means a saving of almost 3.7 tonnes a year per home. This helps significantly in reducing firewood pressure on the forest.

Lantana craft: Villagers surrounding the forests are trained by Junglescapes in making craft items from Lantana. The Lantana that is removed scientifically is transported to the craft centre.

Junglescapes has helped them form a Self-Help Group (SHG) named Lokkare Mahila Lantana Karakushala Sangha. The current President of the SHG is Mahadevamma and the Vice-President is Javaramma. They hold meetings of the SHG and repay their loans promptly. This has developed their ability for self-governance.

Junglescapes has recently been successful in the creation of another SHG called Bandipur Kadu Samrakshana Samiti. This is a step towards leadership and ownership of the restored forests by the local people.

'Involve in Scout movement to develop service-mindedness'

Mysuru, Feb.23 (PM&NNN)- Bharat Scouts and Guides State Chief Commissioner P.G.R. Sindhia called upon the youth to involve in Scout movement to develop service-mindedness towards society.

Addressing the gathering at the Mysore Scouting Centenary (1917-2017) valedictory function held at Sri Jayachamarajendra Scouts and Guides Bhavan, here yesterday, he said that hundred years ago the Mysuru Maharajas gave a fillip to the Scout movement in Mysuru by starting an office here.

There are more than five lakh members today in the State and this movement is there in more than 200 countries in the world, he said. The two-day centenary function included rallies by Rangers and Rovers. Yesterday morning, Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides took out rallies. A lot of adventure sports were also held. More than 2,000 Scouts and Guides participated.

Bharat Scouts and Guides State Chief Commissioner P.G.R. Sindhia, District Chief Commissioner P.Vishwanath and others seen at the Mysore Scouting Centenary valedictory function held at Sri Jayachamarajendra Scouts and Guides Bhavan in city yesterday.

Exhibition: District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath inaugurated the exhibition related to Scouts and Guides. The exhibition featured the collections of dresses and flags of Scouts and Guides by District Resident Commissioner (Scouts) Dr.B.K. Ajaykumar Jain. The posters of the way the Scout and Guides movement progressed was also displayed. One of the eye-catching photographs was that of Mysore's first Cub Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last ruler of Mysore. There were also T-shirts of 218 countries with various messages.

Organisation's District Secretary Abdul Jameel, District Jt. Secretary Sujay and others were present.

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Prounounciation: Preyt [Verb]
Meaning: To talk excessively and pointlessly.
Origin: Early 15c., from or related to Middle Dutch praten "to chatter" (c. 1400), from a Proto-Germanic imitative root (compare East Frisian proten, Middle Low German praten, Middle High German braten, Swedish prata "to talk, chatter"). Related: Prated; prating. As a noun from 1570s.

THE ODD WORD

Fenestrated

Having window, windowed; characterized by windows.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Back to Square One

Meaning: Going back to the beginning; a popular saying that means a person has to start over.
Origin: 'Back to square one' is a classic of folk etymology. Although the origin is uncertain, no uncertainty lurks in the minds of those who are sure they know how, where and when it was derived. It ranks up there with 'the whole nine yards' and 'posh' as an expression that people 'know' the origin of, when in fact they don't. There are three widely reported suggestions as to the phrase's origin: BBC sports commentaries, board games like Snakes and Ladders and playground games like hopscotch.

QUOTE BOX

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they are happy.

—Anton Chekhov

RIDDLE THIS

20+20+20=60. How can you make 60 again by using the same number 3 times, but it can't be 20?

Answer: Use the number 5 three times, 55+5=60.

SUDOKU

				3		2		
		7	6		5	4		9
		3						1
5			9		8		1	
	9		7		3			5
8						6		
7		6	4		1	3		
		2		8				

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	3	8	9	1	4	5	7
1	9	8	7	5	4	2	3	6
7	4	5	3	6	2	8	1	9
9	3	4	2	1	7	5	6	8
5	8	6	9	4	3	1	7	2
2	7	1	5	8	6	9	4	3
8	6	9	4	3	5	7	2	1
4	1	2	6	7	8	3	9	5
3	5	7	1	2	9	6	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Title role for Deepika Padukone
5 Units of force in CGS system?
10 Insult
13 Greek area
14 A titled person?
15 Invited person?
16 Wholly free from lawlessness
18 Animal from a damaged "ode"?
19 ___ one's hand : see how skilful one is?
20 __ is to say : in other words?
24 Mother of four-footed animal?
27 College mates but in higher standards?
29 __ __ show : a solo performance? (3,3)
32 Give to charity
33 Daily record of a ship's speed, progress and position
35 Exclude
36 Therefore; hence
37 Not at all bright
39 German article
42 One's pet dislike, should we say? (4,5)
45 Sun-dried brick
49 Goblin
50 Less important
51 Claimed
52 Joker or jester
53 Hardens or sets

DOWN

1 College ball
2 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
3 Bent one's knees in supplication
4 Pronounces or says
5 Excavates or mines?
6 ___ Must Love Me : song by Madonna from the movie Evita?
7 Northerly compass pt.
8 Electronic Instrument Sys.
9 Took a load off?
10 Passing grades
11 Gambling game
12 Popular breakfast fare (5,3)
17 Wicket-keeper __ Kirmani
20 ____ Turner : famous singer?
21 Structure ereted to carry or display advertisements, etc.?
22 Esthetic pursuit
23 "Set" anagram twice repeated for a poisonous fly
25 Ancient church desk
26 Ex-Chinese Chairman?
28 Wealthy person (sl.)
29 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
30 And not, neither
31 Hard swelling; point at which leaves spring
34 In which a soldier or a cadet may carry his belongings? (3-3)
38 A type of blackbird
40 Huron's neighbour
41 The stalk of tall, marshy grass
42 City on the Aar
43 Oliver familiarised; top of the head
44 Has to pay some money
45 Annual maintenance contract
46 Bollywood's ___ Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere
47 Lennon's widow Yoko ____
48 Yield or concede - as in ___ to the request of one's elders ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

	T	A	V			C	B	S				
	N	A	S	A	L		R	E	E	M	A	
S	E	R	E	N	A		U	L	C	E	R	
S	H	O	A	I	B		M	A	T	R	O	N
C	A	T		L	O	B	B	Y		L	U	D
			S	L	U	R			T	I	N	A
	U	T	T	A	R	A	K	H	A	N	D	
S	P	R	Y			V	I	E	D			
A	B	E		Q	U	O	T	A		W	E	D
C	E	N	S	U	S		T	R	O	I	K	A
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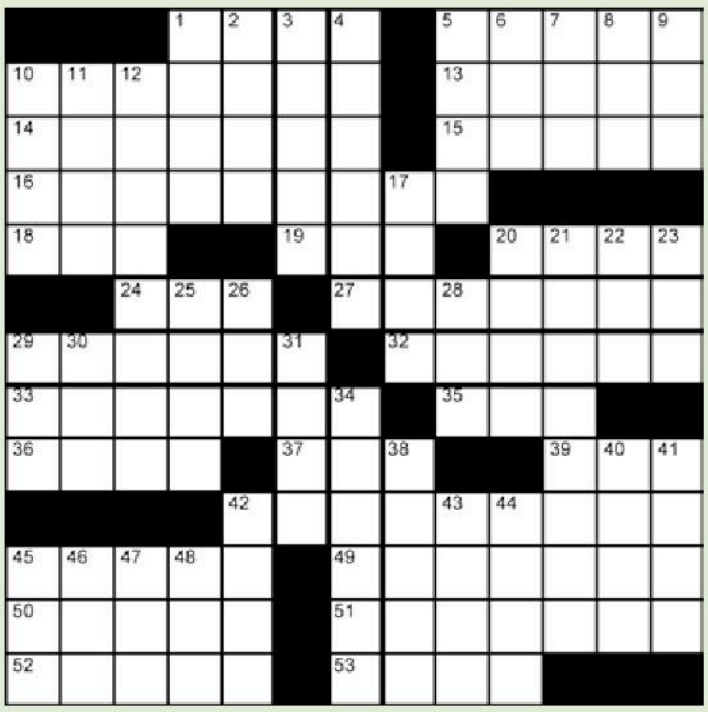

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QUSJSGC SX GMJ FDAD DFHJT OMHSGC. SJ OUX JOD

SGGDA IDAJUSGJT ML ADUIOSGC JOD CMUW

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A ham is simply any actor who has not been successful in repressing his natural instincts.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Rankal Raate	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Satyadev IPS	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Rangbirangi	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ganda Oorig Hodaga	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Welcome to New York	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lovers Club	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kalakalappu-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Black Panther	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Kaly (Ma)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Rangbirangi (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Welcome To New York (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Tagaru (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00, 9.45 pm

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Tagaru (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 9.05 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Welcome to New York (H)	(S-3)	12.25 pm
Rangbirangi (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Rankal Raate (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	6.00 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00 pm VIVO IPL HLS	5:00 pm World's Most Extreme
6:00 Bear Grylls Survival School	6:30 Hero Indian Super League 2017/18 Hls	6:00 Primal Survivor
6:30 American Digger	7:00 Trans-Tasman 2018	7:00 Uncensored With Michael Ware
7:00 How Do They Do It?	7:30 Cricket Countdown Ipl 2018	8:00 Savage Kingdom: Uprising
7:30 What Went Down	8:00 Vivo Ipl Hls	9:00 Prime @ 9
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:30 Trans-Tasman T20 Hls	10:00 Story Of Us With Morgan
9:00 Diesel Brothers	9:00 VIVO IPL HLS	
5:00 pm Ben 10	6:30 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
5:30 Teen Titans Go!	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
6:00 Oggy And The Cockroaches	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
7:00 Roll No.21 - Kris Ki Toli Song	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	9:00 Nandini	9:00 Jeevanadhi
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:30 Premam	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	10:00 Avaril Oraal	10:00 Sarayoo

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:12 pm **The Karate Kid**	3:58 pm **Shooter**	4:53 pm **The Ring**
7:07 **The Lion King**	6:20 **Sex And The City 2**	6:52 **Ocean's Twelve**
8:59 **Kung Fu Panda 3**	9:00 **King Arthur**	9:01 **Seal Team Six**
10:52 **Baby's Day Out**	11:20 **Suicide Squad**	10:47 **Inkheart**
2:26 pm **Chak De! India**	4:52 pm **Aparichit**	4:00 pm **Himmat Aur Mehnat**
5:52 **Jamai Raja**	7:55 **Himmatwar**	8:30 **Fillum Baazi**
8:55 **PK**	10:59 **Indra - The Tiger**	9:00 **Agni I P S**
4:24 pm **Child's Play 3**	4:00 pm **Prem Kahani**	3:48 pm **Nayak: The Real Hero**
6:13 **Mr. Bean's Holiday**	7:00 **Ammaavra Ganda**	7:55 **Singham Returns**
7:59 **The Lost World Jurassic Park**	10:00 **Govinda Gopala**	10:57 **Baby**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.23)

Karnataka Lalitakala Academy: Solo Art Show (Theme: My Journey), Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 5.30 pm.**

Department of Commerce, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram: Valedictory of 'Panchajanya - Let the game begin,' Man-Com Fest Inter-Collegiate Competition, Batik, Tie and Dye handicrafter Hema Shekar delivers valedictory address, Joint Director - Dept. of Collegiate Education - Regional Office Prof. J. Poornachandra Thejaswi presides, prize distribution by N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru, Principal Dr. K.V. Suresha and Academic Dean Dr. H.B. Suresh will be present, College premises, Saraswathipuram, **4.15 pm.**

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, ATI Jt. Director Bhagyalakshmi inaugurates, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri: Anniversary celebrations, Special discourse on 'Yugacharya Swami Vivekananda' by Swami Anupamanandaji, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Feature on Sister Niveditha and Swami Vivekananda Nruthya Namana by Sharvari Veerabhadrappa Hubballi, Ashrama premises, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

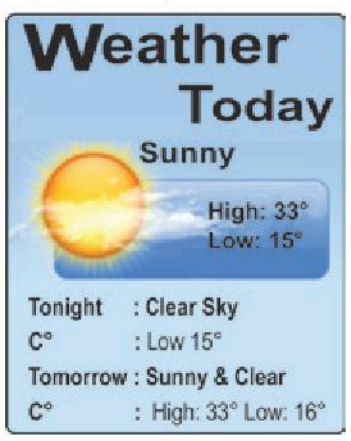
Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018

Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru and Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru: Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018, a State-level Theatre Festival, staging of play 'Dootaparva' by Janadani, Mandya, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.24)

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri: Anniversary celebrations, 'Sri Sharadadevi Day,' a Youth Camp for PU girl students, Swami Athmashradhanandaji delivers lecture on 'Swami Vivekananda's call to Indian Women,' **9 am to 1 pm;** Special discourse on 'Holy Mother and Her message of everyday greatness' by Swami Athmashradhanandaji, **5.45 pm to 6.15 pm;** Mandolin recital by Mandolin Prasad, accompanied by G.L. Ramesh Kumar on flute, Nagabhushan Udupa on keyboard, Jagadish Kurthkoti on tabla and Gurudutt on Rhythm pads, Ashrama auditorium, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **10 am to 8 pm.**



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Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Mysore (UoM): Special lecture on 'Gandhian ideologies' and interaction programme, thinker Meera Nayak inaugurates, thinker P. Mallesh chief guest, UoM Registrar D. Bharathi presides, Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. M.S. Shekar speaks, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

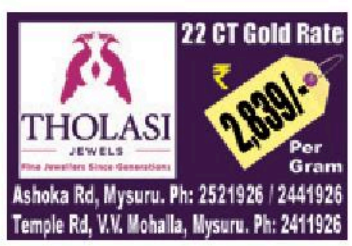
NSS, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and Empanelled Training Institute: 31st Training Programme for NSS Programme Officer, retd. VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda inaugurates, KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah presides, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **10.45 am.**

St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten and Nursery Teacher Training Institute: Graduation Day, former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa chief guest, former Director of Centre for Soft Matter Research (Bengaluru) Prof. K.A. Suresh presides, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, **4.30 pm.**

Raaga Vaibhava: Grand Hindustani Classical Vocal Recital by Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar, accompanied by Pt. Gurumurthy Vydya on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha Series-244, talk on 'Basava Samvidhana-Bharata Samvidhana' by Dr. S. Shivarajappa, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha Mysuru District Unit President H.V. Basavaraju Hinkal presides, #507, 2nd Stage, JSS Layout, **6 pm.**

Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru and Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru: Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018, a State-level Theatre Festival, staging of play 'Sarga' by Side Wing, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**



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